



## New Zealand State Housing Dataset 1993-2009

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3. Data keywords:

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4. Dataset abstract:

Housing New Zealand Corporation (HNZC) generously provided us with a dataset on 80,983 state houses covering the period 31 January 1936 to 16 February 2010. This derived dataset includes a tidied version of this raw dataset, with data spanning the period 1993 – 2010. The dataset includes information on acquisition dates, whether a property has been sold or destroyed, sales dates, sales prices, single and double bedroom numbers, and the location of houses – with each property coded at the meshblock level. Property type information is also recorded and describes the type of building – for example whether a house is a single unit, or part of a multi unit or multi storey building. For sold houses, we have information on sale type: whether the sale was made to a state housing tenant under the Home Buy scheme, sold privately as a vacant sale, or sold to a community group as a Community Partner sale. The dataset also includes information on the construction date of the house, and the most recent change to each house's property status.

5. Motu Working Papers using this data set.

Olssen, Alex; Hugh McDonald; Arthur Grimes and Steven Stillman. 2010. "A State Housing Database: 1993-2009," Motu Working Paper 10-13.

Bergstrom, Katy, Arthur Grimes and Steve Stillman. "Does Selling State Silver Generate Private Gold? Determinants and Impacts of State House Sales and Acquisitions in New Zealand," Motu Working Paper 11-03.

6. Variables:

See file entitled 'describe' in dataset folder.

7. Additional notes.

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